

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-100 were pending in the application of which claims 2-18, 23-33, 48-71, 77-85, and 99 were withdrawn. Applicants have herewith amended claims 1, 19, 37, 47, 73, and 89 and cancelled claims 36 and 88. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Claims

In the January 3, 2008 Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 36-37 and 88-89 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants have herewith amended the base claims 1 and 47 to include the allowable features of claims 36 and 88, respectively.

All of the previously withdrawn claims depend on either claim 1 or 47 and therefore include the allowable features of claims 36 and 88, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection and rejoinder of previously withdrawn claims 2-18, 23-33, 48-71, 77-85, and 99.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections and objections.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at 212-829-5407 to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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